



Minto Trails Committee Minutes
March 30, 2016 10:00 a.m.
Town of Minto Administration Office

Present: Mayor George Bridge, Councillor Jean Anderson, Matthew Lubbers and Bill White

Mayor Bridge called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

Road Allowance Update:

The Committee met with Ralph Tarr, Betty Tarr and Harry Binkley on March 7th regarding the Town-owned road allowance that dissects their properties. They presented their cases as to why a trail should not be created on the road allowance and suggested alternative options for committee consideration. Given the current use of the Town-owned road allowance by these landowners, the committee believes that an alternate route into Harriston from 7th Line should be pursued. Separate encroachment agreements with these landowners should be pursued in the meantime and CAO/Clerk Bill White will follow up on this matter at a future meeting.

Two alternate options are along the former rail tracks into Margaret St. and to follow White's Road to Highway 9 where the new roundabout will soon be located. The former rail tracks into Harriston from 7th Line have multiple owners and getting agreements with these owners would be complicated. The new roundabout is being installed by the County prior to September and an opportunity may exist to enhance the shoulders of White's Road from 7th Line to Highway 9 while equipment is on site. Currently, the shoulders are paved from the bridge around the bend to where the road allowance intersects White's Road. Paved shoulders from Highway 9 to the bridge and from the road allowance to 7th Line will be explored by Mayor Bridge with County staff.

The committee also discussed what can be done from the roundabout into Harriston on Highway 9.

Road Markings for White's Road:

Road markings denoting a cycle lane or walking trail will be looked into by CAO/Clerk Bill White.

White's Junction Trail Update:

The transfer of ownership from the Palmerston Trail Association to the Town is almost complete.

Harriston to Clifford Update:

A strategy to get from Harriston to Clifford will be created. A combination of road allowances and former rail tracks will likely be required.

Committee Membership Drive:

Prospective members have been identified and will most likely be invited to the next meeting.

Date and time for the next meeting will be in late May or early June. Adjournment at 11:00 a.m.

Matthew Lubbers
Recreation Services Manager, Town of Minto